GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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EXPLORATION OF OIL AND GAS BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka where exploration of oil and natural gas has been undertaken by ONGC since 1997 onwards, till date; and

(b) the progress made in this regards so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): During period 1.1.1997 to 31.7.2000 Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has carried out exploration for hydrocarbons in East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna and Nellore districts of Andhra Pradesh and has acquired 1830 Ground Line Kilometre(GLK) of 2D and 7015 GLK of 3D seismic data and drilled seventy one exploratory wells in the StateOut of seventy one wells drilled, seven wells are oil and twenty four wells are gas bearing. During the years 1997-98 to 1999-2000, ONGC accreted 14.09 MMt of inplace volume of hydrocarbons (Oil plus oil equivalent gas) in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

However, no exploration activity had been carried out in the State of Karnataka in view of quite poor hydrocarbons prospectivity due to absence of proper sedimentary rocks required for hydrocarbons deposits.